

**Thompson Fire Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.**  
**East Thompson Volunteer Fire Department**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: Steve Bodreau, John Sharpe, Kerstin Forrester

ABSENT: Hogan Krohn, Jeff Sheldon, Mike Rivers

- Kerstin called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- Motion to accept minutes of May 27, 2015 meeting: M/S John/Steve; no corrections/additions. No vote due to lack of quorum.
- Citizens Comments: None
- Committee Member Comments:
  - John Sharpe wanted to state for the record that he “Thanks Kerstin for the effort she has put into the committee.” Steve said that he had said the same in an email sent to Kerstin.
  - Each department needs to send their request for the Town grant by July 1, 2015.
  - Tax abatement information (including all W4 (Fed & State) to the Town by February 28, 2016
  - Steve asked if anyone had heard anything about Coventry’s fire departments being forced to consolidate.
  - Kerstin informed the Chiefs that the Town is arranging with our Worker’s Compensation Insurer to hold safety programs with all of the Fire Departments. We need to work to reduce the number of incidents of injury, both because we want our volunteers to be safe and to reduce the premium costs.
  - Kerstin mentioned a complaint received by the Selectmen regarding Community Ambulance not being able to find a residence this past weekend. She asked if all the ambulances have GPS. The Town is working to ensure that there are street signs.

- Correspondence: Kerstin had received an email from NIST that contained an article titled “Research Roadmap Traces the Path to ‘Smart’ Fire Fighting”. The link is [www.nist.gov/el/fire](http://www.nist.gov/el/fire). Article talks about the ability for FD’s to get floor plans of public buildings to aid emergency personnel. John Sharpe noted that he has floor plans for the school, Gladys Green, and Carriage Square. The Mill needs up-dating.
  
- Discussion of how to move forward since Kerstin has submitted her resignation as Chairperson effective June 30, 2015.
  - Kerstin passed along information that she had received from Jeff Barske/Town Clerk about how the Committee needs to proceed:
    - Need to find a new Chairperson for the Committee
      - Chairperson needs to be a resident of the Town of Thompson; not associated with any of the fire departments
      - Appoint a temporary Chairperson and Secretary with the sole purpose of finding a permanent Chairperson. Agendas and minutes must be posted for these meetings as required.
      - Posted meeting schedule should be adhered to; if not meeting, cancellations must be posted on the website.
    - There is also an option to disband the Committee by giving notice to the Board of Selectmen.
    - If the Committee decides to move forward, Kerstin volunteered to help with the financial data and how to present that.
  
- Other Business - None
  
- Adjourn: M/S Steve/John to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Recorded and submitted by  
Kerstin Forrester, Chair